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REQUEST FOR MILITARY-TO-MILITARY ASSISTANCE
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11. (C) Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Director for Defence and Security Relations Shelley Whiting conveyed to Embassy on June 4 the second of two Canadian diplomatic notes seeking U.S. military-to-military support in advance of and during the February 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver. Whiting stressed the importance of the Games to Canada, as well as Canadian appreciation for U.S. support. Admitting the late date of this request, she emphasized Canada's hope that the USG would respond positively and quickly -- within the next 30 days -- to the specific Canadian requests contained in the dipnote and its three annexes. Whiting also requested an update on Canada's first Olympics-related dipnote, which Embassy conveyed to State for ExecSec transmittal to DOD for action in January, but which has not yet elicited an official response, despite Canada's request at that time for 30-day turn-around. (Note: Reftel contains IDR-007, the first of two Canadian dipnotes seeking U.S. mil-to-mil support for the Vancouver Olympics. End note)

12. (SBU) Begin Canadian dipnote text:

Diplomatic Note No. IDR-0435
The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to recent discussions between officials of our Governments, including the Department of National Defence and the Office of the

Coordinator for 2010 Olympic and G8 Security, concerning military-to-military and other assistance in support of providing security for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Department wishes to advise the Embassy that Canada is herewith making a request for the provision of certain capabilities which, it is understood, could be made available by the United States Department of Defense, the United States Postal Service, the United States Coast Guard and other Agencies. This current Note will be specific to the military-to-military assistance desired to augment Canada Command in its responsibilities in support of the 2010 Games, whether fulfilling its defence mandated maritime surveillance task, supporting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), which is the agency responsible for security of the 2010 Games, or in Canada Command's support to Canadian civil authorities who have the lead in consequence management operations.

The request for United States Postal Service support in mail screening will be addressed in a separate Note, as will the establishment of integrated marine security operations to take place on the west coast between Vancouver and Washington State, planning for which was initiated by Diplomatic Note No. GGA-011 sent on March 11, 2009

The specifics of the military-to-military assistance desired to augment Canada Command are detailed in the attached three Annexes. The 19 June 1951 Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of Their Forces would apply to any United States Forces deployed to Canada in response to this request. Force protection would be the responsibility of the RCMP. United States Forces and personnel deployed to Canada pursuant to this request would be transferred to the control of Canada Command, the specific command and control authorities to be agreed between United States Forces and Canada Command.

The detailed arrangements are to be completed through direct coordination between the respective relevant military authorities in accordance with the 13 March 1968 Exchange of Notes between Canada and the United States of America on the Principles and Procedures for Temporary Cross Border Movement of Land Forces; the Canada-US Civil Assistance Plan and existing orders and regulations. This current Note is OTTAWA 00000426 002 OF 004

considered to constitute the formal clearance through diplomatic channels as required by the above Exchange of Notes of 13 March 1968. The duration, timing, modalities of transfer of equipment and personnel, and other related logistics of the elements of this request, would be coordinated directly between Canada Command and the relevant United States military authorities. The military point of contact for this request is Canada Command Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, Captain (Navy) Kevin Greenwood, 613-995-5826.

Further to discussions between officials of our Governments, the Department wishes to express Canada's appreciation for the expressed intent of the Government of the United States of America to waive reimbursement of any incremental operational expenses incurred during the provision of this assistance.

The Department wishes to draw attention to the fact that confirmation of the availability of the requested capabilities is of critical importance to the planning process for the security of the Games and the preceding exercises. The Department would therefore be grateful for a response to this note within 30 days.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

End dipnote text.

13. (S/REL-CANUS) ANNEX A

Begin Canadian Annex A text:

ANNEX A to Note IDR-0435

Dated: June 03, 2009

Canada requests the following capabilities to be provided for the duration of the Games:

a. A command, coordination and liaison element positioned in

British Columbia, and linked to Joint Task Force Games, prior to the start of the 2010 Games. The Canadian Forces would provide situational awareness to this element regarding developing situations that could involve a request for US military assistance. This element would remain in place during the 2010 Games and potentially remain until consequence management operations are complete.

b. Ship boom force protection equipment sufficient to provide security for three key locations in Vancouver Harbour.

c. A maritime surveillance capability, positioned in international or US territorial waters, to assist Joint Task Force Games and Joint Task Force Pacific in establishing coordinated maritime domain awareness in their respective areas of interest.

End Annex A text.

¶4. (S/REL-CANUS) ANNEX B

Begin Canadian Annex B text:

ANNEX B

to Note IDR-0435

Dated: June 03, 2009

Canada requests that specific consequence management capabilities, listed below, be made available for catastrophic scenarios, if necessary. These capabilities would be stationed in the US and put on standby to be made available to Canada, if required, for the duration of the Games or as long as consequence management operations are ongoing. These capabilities, and associated operational support requirements, would be employed under the guidelines laid out in the Canada-US Civil Assistance Plan.

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Requested capabilities:

a. Mobile chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear reconnaissance and surveillance platform capabilities to conduct protected sampling and delineation of chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear contaminated areas.

b. An emergency medical capability (pre-hospital) capable of extracting casualties from highly contaminated areas, conducting the necessary medical triage and provision of medical support to decontaminate and stabilize casualties prior to evacuation to a civilian medical facility.

c. A medical facility (early entrance hospital element) capable of decontamination, stabilizing and conducting emergency procedures (including surgery) on a large number of contaminated or non-contaminated casualties.

d. An aeromedical evacuation support facility to assist and support contaminated or non-contaminated aeromedical evacuations.

e. An operational support element to coordinate and support the staging and reception requirements related to the deployment of US military chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear consequence management capabilities into Canada.

f. A chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear consequence management capability to extricate, decontaminate, medically treat, and transport mass casualties of a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear attack in Canada.

g. A high altitude airborne radiological sensing capability.

h. Strategic lift capability sufficient to transport a Canadian Forces Operational Reserve (up to 350 personnel) with its personal weapons, winter equipment, vehicle complement, and 72 hours of consumables from its location in Canada to a designated location within Canada.

i. Rotary wing capability sufficient to transport the Vanguard Company (130 personnel) of a Canadian Forces Operational Reserve with its associated personal weapons, winter equipment, a limited number of vehicles, and 24 hours of consumables from a receiving airport of disembarkation to a designated point in the affected area of operations. The Government of Canada is aware of the need to address the question of accreditation of US health services professionals in advance of any deployment of emergency medical capabilities, and is committed to resolving this issue with the appropriate provincial authorities in advance of the Games.

End Annex B text.

¶5. (SECRET REL-CANUS) ANNEX C

Begin Annex C text:

ANNEX C

to Note IDR-0435

Dated: June, 03, 2009

Although unlikely, Canada could potentially face the threat of an improvised or military nuclear device being constructed in, or imported to, its national territory. Canada does not currently possess the capability for the rendering safe of a nuclear device.

Canada therefore requests that, if required, US capabilities and technical assistance for 'render safe' operations and transportation of an improvised nuclear device and/or a radiological dispersion device be made available to Canada. Render safe operations would be conducted under the provisions of an agreed protocol, which is currently under provisions of an agreed protocol, which is currently under revision.

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End Annex C text.

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